

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9185

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0843

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TSPA  
SUBJECT: NASA STATION ISSUE

REF: ANT 0682

1. WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY FROM DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR TO OUR LATEST STATEMENT OF POSITION ON NASA (REFTEL). IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY AGAIN ENTER A PERIOD WHERE NO MOVEMENT AT ALL WILL TAKE PLACE ON THIS ISSUE.

2. IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE THE CASE, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THAT WE MOVE AHEAD TO TRY AND TAKE CARE OF A MINOR BUT AGGRAVATING PART OF THE PROBLEM WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT. THAT IS TO DISPOSE OF 18 VEHICLES WHICH WERE OUTSIDE OF THE NASA COMPOUND WHEN IT WAS TAKEN OVER. TWO OF THESE ARE BUSES WHICH HAVE BEEN FAIRLY WELL MAINTAINED; THE OTHER 16 ARE VANS WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE RESIDENCE PARKING LOT AND ARE IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DETERIORATION. THREE OTHER VEHICLES ARE PRESENTLY IN USE OF THE EMBASSY AND WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS MESSAGE.

3. UNLESS THE DRM SHOWS A WILLINGNESS TO MOVE FORWARD ON OVERALL SETTLEMENT ACCEPTABLE TO US, I RECOMMEND THAT I BE AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE TO THE DRM THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES: (A) A PUBLIC SALE OF THESE VEHICLES, WHERE IS AS IS, CONDUCTED BY THE EMBASSY, THE PROCEEDS TO BE PLACED  
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IN AN ESCROW ACCOUNT PENDING A FINAL SETTLEMENT ON THE NASA STATION, OR (B) THE OUTRIGHT TRANSFER OF THE VEHICLES TO THE DRM, THE LATTER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEM AND WITHOUT ANY RESPONSIBILITY ON THE USG'S PART FOR MOVING OR REFURBISHING THEM IN ANY WAY. IT WOULD BE EXPLICITLY STATED IN THE PROPOSAL THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE USG

POSITION ON A FINAL SETTLEMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS  
A PRECEDENT FOR THE DISPOSAL OF ANY OF THE NASA PROPERTY  
IN THE COMPOUND.

4. THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE MADE BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY. IF DEPT AND NASA CONCUR IN THIS PROPOSAL,  
WE WILL FORWARD SUGGESTED TEXT FOR WASHINGTON'S APPROVAL.

5. BELIEVE THIS PROPOSAL WOULD NOT ONLY GET RID OF AN  
EYESORE AT THE RESIDENCE BUT MIGHT ALSO STIMULATE A GREATER  
DRM INTEREST AND FLEXIBILITY CONCERNING AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT.  
I THINK IT SHOULD BE MADE SOMETIME IN MAY OR JUNE.

6. LOOK FORWARD TO WASHINGTON COMMENTS.BARRETT

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